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A Walk Through Evergreen Cemetery



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As we move into the fall season, I will begin with a recap of summer.

We have eliminated the devastation created by the two storms of violent wind and rain. The trees that were damaged have been removed for safety reasons, branches have been picked up, and the grounds have been leveled and reseeded. The gravesites of all summer burials have been dressed and seeded. The crew is finalizing the mowing and trimming of summer and Thanksgiving will soon be upon us.

The trees of Evergreen are beginning to show the colors of autumn - vibrant reds, oranges, and yellow leaves will soon wrap us in their beauty.

And then, they will fall to the ground. The leaf cleanup equipment is primed and

ready to go. However, as you can imagine cleaning up 85 acres of beautiful fallen leaves is a time consuming task.

Some of you have asked what happened to the decorations that you placed on a gravesite. Never fear. We have no decoration thieves lurking about.

The crew always remove the decorations of summer from gravesites when cool winds begin to blow and leaves dance crazily in the air. Removal is a necessity for the leaf cleanup that follows.

We are also preparing for the placement of pillows and wreaths for the holidays and winter months. For those of us who grew up in New England this passing from one season to another is a ritual that we are well aware of. It is the marking of the seasons and our lives.

Our office remains closed to visitors for health and safety reasons, but we are still inside taking care of you, your families, and your loved ones. You can email us with your request for information about a marker, monument, columbarium niche, and/or the seasonal



The colors of Evergreen in Fall

decorations of winter.

If you are interested in purchasing a grave lot, or a columbarium niche, then you can make an appointment with either me or Anthony Puglisi. We will don our masks, socially distance ourselves, and show you the lots and niches that are available. Many of the columbarium niches have already been reserved. You can also call or email us if you're interested in making a reservation.

We keep thinking that COVID-19 is behind us, but it doesn't seem to be happening any time soon, so we're embracing the 'new norm' and continuing to do our job as best as we can the same as you are.

Enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with your family.

Our notable in this issue is Augusta "Gussie" Lewis Troup, women's rights activist and journalist, who is resting here at Evergreen.

Seasonal Flower Program



Flower placement at this time of year includes Thanksgiving and the winter holidays: Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, or other. Call now to place your order 203-624-5505 or email us djfiore@evergreencem.org



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Its beauty surpasses all others.

Remembering a Loved One During the Holidays...

How do you remember a loved one? There are so many ways. Storytelling is a vibrant way to bring someone back to life. By sharing a life with a child or a grandchild you can keep the memory of a person alive and strong. Some of us have never met a deceased relative, but we have heard stories, and seen photos, and we've seen the smiles of remembrance that were brought to a person's face during the telling. Another way is to put a pillow or a wreath on the person's grave. To let people know that your loved one is not forgotten but lives on in the memories of others. A cemetery is a special place. A place of solitude and sharing. Maybe it's time to buy a marker or monument. To have the name of your loved one engraved upon a stone for all to see. This is how we share with the world the uniqueness of this one person. Or, maybe it's time to place your loved one's urn in a niche in the Columbarium. To give him or her a special place to rest and a place for family to visit.



Augusta "Gussie" Lewis Troup, 1848 - 1920, Women's Rights Activist & Journalist

Augusta Lewis Troup was a pioneering labor leader and education activist. She advocated for equal pay, better working conditions for women, and a woman's right to vote. She was inducted into the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame in 2013.

Lewis was born in 1848 in NYC. She was orphaned as an infant and adopted by a wealthy Wall Street broker, Isaac Gager. She received a private education prior to attending the Brooklyn Heights Seminary.

After the Civil War, Lewis began to write articles for numerous New York papers

and *The Revolution*, a suffragist publication, which was run by Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

While exploring different facets of the newspaper industry, Lewis served as an apprentice and learned typesetting. When the male typesetter's went on strike in 1867, women were hired to replace them at lower pay. When the strike ended the women were fired and the men returned to work. Lewis observed first hand the unequal pay between female and male typesetters.

In 1868, she founded the first trade union for women, Women's Typographical

Union (WTU) Location No. 1 in New York City. Organizing a women's labor union allowed her to advocate for better working conditions and fair pay.

In 1869, Lewis represented the WTU at the International Typographical Union (ITU) conference. She lobbied the ITU to allow the WTU to join. In 1870, she was elected corresponding secretary to the ITU, the first woman to hold an ITU office.

Lewis married Alexander Troup, a well-known labor leader in 1872. The couple moved to New Haven, where they founded the *New Haven*



Union, a pro-women's suffrage newspaper dedicated to union organization and the rights of women and other minorities.

Troup became a teacher and an outspoken member of the Board of Education. She advocated for teachers' rights and the importance of education. In 1926, the City of New Haven honored her legacy by dedicating the Augusta Lewis Troup School.

Augusta Lewis Troup is resting here at Evergreen.

We thank the New Haven Museum for sharing information about Troup.